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### CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

December 8, 2021

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Re: Petition to limit entry in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery

Dear Sirs:

We received your petition to limit entry in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery on December 6, 2021. Thank you for contacting CFEC regarding this important matter.

Under AS 44.62.230, the Commission has 30 days after a petition for limited entry is received to either propose maximum number regulations and schedule public hearings, or deny the petition in writing. It would not be possible to determine if a program of limited entry is appropriate in this fishery within the 30 days allowed. Therefore, your petition must be denied at this time.

Nevertheless, be assured that we are aware of your concerns. In response to your inquiry we have requested that CFEC research staff gather relevant data about this fishery and provide a report to the Commission. This information will help us evaluate the need for limited entry and any potential benefits the program might convey to the fishery, while at the same time ensuring that the Commission meets its statutory obligations under the limited entry program.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

By Direction of the  
COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ENTRY COMMISSION

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